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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

MARK PETERSON, an individual,

Plaintiff,

v.

CITY OF YAKIMA, a local
governmental Entity; TONY
O'ROURKE, an individual human;
MARK SOPTICH, an individual
human; and ANTHONY DOAN, an
individual human,

Defendants.

NO. 1:18-CV-03136-TOR

JOINT PROPOSED NEUTRAL
STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The parties jointly propose the following neutral statement of the case:

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1 This is a civil case arising from a fire code inspection of H&H Furniture and
2 the City's subsequent criminal prosecution of Mark Peterson, who is the owner of
3 H&H Furniture. Mr. Peterson asserts that defendant Tony O'Rourke, who was then
4 the City Manager, directed the fire inspection of H&H Furniture and the subsequent
5 prosecution of Mark Peterson in retaliation for Mr. Peterson's free speech. Mr.
6 Peterson also asserts that defendants Mark Soptich, the Deputy Fire Chief at the
7 time, defendant Tony Doan, the Fire Inspector and Mr. O'Rourke maliciously
8 prosecuted him and engaged in civil conspiracy. Mr. Peterson alleges that, as a result
9 of this retaliation and/or malicious prosecution, he suffered economic and emotional
10 damages. Defendants City of Yakima, Mr. O'Rourke, Mr. Soptich, and Mr. Doan
11 deny Mr. Peterson's claims. They assert that the fire inspection was part of the City's
12 standard fire inspection program, and that Mr. Peterson was prosecuted because he
13 refused to allow the City to conduct a follow-up inspection.
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1 DATED this 29th day of August, 2022.

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